

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING THE LIFE OF GENE BARBERET

#### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great regret that I rise today to mourn and observe the passing of an eternal educator, Dr. Gene Barberet of Mansfield, Connecticut. Having lived a full and active life, Gene passed away on his 101st birthday on January 11, 2021 due to complications related to the coronavirus.

Gene's life was intrinsically American, and he dedicated his life to professorial teaching and sharpening of the mind. To this end, Gene contributed a palpable value toward the strength and productivity of eastern Connecticut's community, the region I have the honor of representing. Dr. Barberet, a first-generation scholar born to parents who immigrated from Alsace, France, was always eager to observe and take from his environment as the youngest of eight siblings. His story will be remembered by many as one of vigor, decency, and a passion for cultural enrichment.

As a lifelong learner, Gene was always destined to become the wisest of educators. His potential in the education industry was reflected from the start, such as when he graduated co-valetorian from Watertown High School in his hometown of Oakville, Connecticut. His deep French roots struck a clear cord with him from early on as well, motivating then Mr. Barberet to achieve a bachelors degree in French studies in 1941. Taking a break from his studies, Gene heeded the call to serve in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Upon his return from the war, however, Gene resumed a determined effort to expand upon his roots—transitioning his education to Princeton University and going on to achieve a masters and subsequent doctoral degree in French literature by 1951.

Not one to let knowledge go to waste, Gene brought his specialization back to our home state of Connecticut before obtaining his doctoral degree in 1949, marking the genesis of a career in sharing his experience as a faculty of the University of Connecticut (UConn). Dr. Barberet went on to educate French Literature within UConn's Department of Modern and Classical Languages, building a true and personal connection to the University over the course of 40 years. He achieved this not by simply mastering lectures, but also by broadening his perspective alongside the very students he taught. As a professor, he personally oversaw the University's year long study abroad program to France, journeying with students across the Atlantic to better understand the international community and our place in it. Dr. Barberet's impact cannot be understated—throughout his long tenure he was recognized by a variety of honors and accolades, eventually even becoming knighted as a chevalier by the French government for his

contributions to the nation's culture. As a fondly remembered mentor and a scholar, multiple scholarship funds were established under the University in his name to support excellence in French.

Dr. Barberet retired from UConn in 1990 as a revered professor emeritus. Though UConn will always be his home, it should be noted that he engaged in a gregarious retirement, frequently travelling back to his heritage in France as well as other stints in Europe. He never gave up on the affinity for education either, acting as a volunteer teacher at the Donald Bergin Correction Institution, a board member of the Center for Learning in Retirement, and even initiating a weekly French conversational circle at the Mansfield Senior Center well into his latest years. Dr. Barberet touched the lives of many who hail from eastern Connecticut.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to represent constituents as monumental and influential as Gene. His legacy is a lasting and tangible one, having expanded horizons for not only himself, but the lives of thousands of students, colleagues, and friends. While we all mourn his loss, we can at least find solace that his story, memory and purpose lives on in the lives of countless others. Therefore, I find it fitting that we as a institutional body set his name and character further into stone. I ask that the entire House join me in recognizing the life of Dr. Gene Barberet and never forgetting that the best educators—and by extension leaders—never end their quest of learning.

### ANNIVERSARY OF THE MASSACRES AGAINST ARMENIANS OF SUMGAI, KIROVABAD, AND BAKU

#### HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2021

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise to mourn and honor the victims of the massacres against Armenians of Sumgait on February 27–29, 1988; of Kirovabad on November 21–27, 1988; and of Baku on January 13–19, 1990. During these events, attackers tortured and killed hundreds of Armenian residents. I condemn these pogroms and subsequent aggression by the Azerbaijanis against Armenian civilians and their culture.

As we approach the anniversary of the attacks in Sumgait 33 years ago and reflect on Azerbaijan's ruthless aggression in Artsakh last fall, I urge the U.S. to take a leading role in achieving a fair, just, and lasting peace settlement between Armenia and Azerbaijan. Azerbaijan has shed innocent blood for far too long, and its actions are a clear violation of the international order. I call on the Biden Administration to take a different approach from the previous administration when it comes to holding bad actors accountable. The U.S. must uphold human rights for everyone, everywhere.

### HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ AFRICAN AMERICAN THEATER ARTS TROUPE

#### HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2021

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of the University of California, Santa Cruz African American Theater Arts Troupe (AATAT) to enrich student life at UC Santa Cruz and the Santa Cruz community by providing a space for expression and empowerment. This year, AATAT is celebrating its 30th anniversary. Since its founding in 1991, AATAT has been a steward for theater arts by fostering performing arts, providing a space for community and expression, and furthering cultural enrichment.

The creation of this organization at UC Santa Cruz was not without challenges. AATAT began without a budget, dedicated space, or theater amenities. With the guidance and tireless work of founding instructor Donald Williams, AATAT was able to grow over the years into a full theater production troupe that performs, inspires, and uplifts thousands of people each year.

The artistic and generous spirit of AATAT goes beyond the stage. AATAT strives for inclusivity by making their performances free and accessible to all UC Santa Cruz students. The group's sense of duty has led them to work with high school students across California, tutoring an average of 2000 students each year. In the spirit of uplifting others, AATAT has been able to provide over \$100,000 in scholarships through the years.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the history, dedication, and contributions of the UC Santa Cruz African American Theater Arts Troupe. I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the UC Santa Cruz African American Theater Arts Troupe as an exceptional group of community and artistic leaders on the central coast of California.

### HONORING KYLE REOGAS OF HALEYVILLE, ALABAMA

#### HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2021

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to offer a congratulations to the retiring police chief of the city of Haleyville, Alabama, Kyle Reogas.

The city of Haleyville is where I was born, grew up and is my current residence and Chief Reogas has served our community as chief for 29 years. In fact, Chief Reogas has been with the Haleyville Police Department for a total of 34 years.

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On Monday, May 4, 1992, then Haleyville Mayor W.G. Campbell and the city council, appointed Reogas as the chief of police.

On that night of his appointment, Reogas said "I appreciate this opportunity to serve Haleyville as its police chief, and I will do the job to the best of my ability." The fact that Reogas has served in this position for almost three decades is a testament to the fact he has lived up to that promise.

During the past 29 years, Chief Reogas has seen a lot. Some of it good, but of course in his line of work, he has also seen a lot of bad. One of the biggest challenges he and his department faced was tornado damage that occurred to Haleyville as part of the April 27, 2011 tornado outbreak across Alabama.

But as Chief, he and his officers have always strived to turn the bad situations into the most positive outcomes possible and to always serve the citizens with integrity. Under his leadership, the Haleyville Police Department has achieved this year after year.

Chief Reogas is married to Joyce Reogas. They have two daughters, Meshia and Jennifer.

Again, I want to congratulate Chief Reogas on his well-earned retirement. I wish him all the best in the years to come in the next chapter of his life.

#### RECOGNIZING FIRE CHIEF BRAD GOODROAD

#### HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 22, 2021*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Fire Chief Brad Goodroad for his 27 years of service with the Sioux Falls Fire Rescue.

Chief Goodroad's career with Sioux Falls Fire Rescue began in 1994. He served as a firefighter for seven years before transitioning roles to a fire apparatus operator. Chief Goodroad went on to become captain, battalion chief, and finally, division chief, a position he has held since 2017.

During his remarkable career, Goodroad led SFFR's health and safety programs for 10 years and helped the department achieve reaccreditation through the Center for Public Safety Excellence in 2019. In recognition of his dedication and initiative, Goodroad was awarded the 2020 Senator Paul S. Sarbanes Fire Service Safety Leadership Award.

Despite the many challenges the city of Sioux Falls has faced in recent years including major flooding and a tornado, under the leadership of Goodroad, Sioux Falls Fire Rescue has maintained an ISO rating of 1, the highest score possible for how well a city is protected by its fire department.

I commend Chief Goodroad for his outstanding record of service, hard work, and leadership. I extend my deepest congratulations to Brad Goodroad on his well-earned retirement. I am thankful for his contributions in keeping the community of Sioux Falls safe.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER SALARY HOME RULE ACT

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 22, 2021*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Chief Financial Officer Salary Home Rule Act, which would give the District of Columbia the authority to raise the pay of its Chief Financial Officer (CFO). There is no reason the District should not have the authority to set the pay of every local official, who are paid with local funds, as a matter of its existing home-rule authority.

In 2013, Congress enacted a law that gave the District more authority to set the CFO's pay. However, Congress did not give D.C. full and complete authority over this local matter. This bill would give D.C. the authority to set the CFO's pay commensurate with its best judgment based on factors such as comparisons with similar positions elsewhere, the competitive market and other factors generally used in determining pay. I was able to get some needed changes in 2013 by amending the Home Rule Act to change the CFO's salary from a fixed rate of pay that was tied to the federal pay schedule to a maximum allowable pay, or ceiling, tied to the federal pay schedule. That ceiling was and continues to be substantially higher than the fixed rate. However, D.C. should have full control over setting the salaries of its own employees.

I introduced the 2013 bill after a D.C. CFO search committee indicated that the fixed rate of pay was not high enough to attract the best talent needed for this complex and demanding job. The responsibilities of the CFO, a position created by Congress, are unique in the United States. The CFO is extraordinarily powerful and independent. The District cannot obligate or expend funds without the CFO's approval, and the CFO can be terminated only "for cause." My bill would not allow the CFO's salary to be lowered and maintains the "for cause" termination provision, so as to preserve the independence of the office. The District needs the authority to pay the rate necessary to retain and attract the best CFOs, especially since the District must compete with the private sector for highly qualified CFOs.

This is an important step to increase necessary home-rule authority for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

#### IN REMEMBRANCE OF DON MOTAKA

#### HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 22, 2021*

Mrs. TRAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the passing of my friend, Don Motaka. Today, would have been his 69th birthday.

Don was truly one of a kind and he made an impression on everyone he met. I will always remember his quick wit, huge heart, irreverent sense of humor, and booming laugh. He was not someone that could be easily

overlooked, as his positive energy could take over a room.

Unfortunately, Don died suddenly on December 21, 2020 in Oxford, Michigan of complications unrelated to COVID.

I had the honor of getting to know Don when we worked together as congressional staffers in the mid-1990s. Don was not your typical staff member, as his personal and professional life had taken him on a wondering and diverse journey by the time he made his way to Capitol Hill.

A native of Gettysburg, PA, his teenage years were marked by instability that resulted in Don being taken in and cared for by members of St. James Lutheran Church. In spite of those challenges, Don excelled as a student and went on to graduate from the University of Pennsylvania and Yale Divinity School.

After graduating from Yale Divinity School, Don served as Pastor to two rural churches before leaving to lead Tabernacle Lutheran Church in West Philadelphia, a challenging assignment that left him looking for other ways to serve people. He held many different jobs during that time, including serving as a congressional aide to U.S. Representative Marty Meehan, where we met.

In 2013, Don returned to the ministry to become a monk at St. Augustine's House Lutheran Monastery, the only Lutheran Monastery in North America. Upon becoming a simple professed monk in 2015, he took the name Father Jude—who is known as the patron saint of desperate cases and lost causes. At the monastery, he spent his time listening for God and regularly preaching at Sunday Mass. He also dedicated many hours to working in a woodworking shop he created at the monastery.

He is missed by his mother, Almena Motaka, his brothers at the monastery, and his sudden passing has impacted many who loved him and referred to him affectionately as "Uncle Don," including Rev. Edward Keyser and his family, Rev. Fritz Foltz and Faith Foltz and family, Joe Moore and his family, and David Schildknecht and his family.

Don was passionate about politics and was a dedicated Democrat who loved this country and followed in great detail the twists and turns of public policy debates held in Congress. Like many, Don was troubled by what had happened to our country over the past four years and was overjoyed by the results of the election in November.

During my first campaign for Congress, Don was a voice of encouragement from the very beginning, and his daily prayers for me from the monastery were a source of comfort and strength. While it was many years ago that I last saw Don, I can still see his smile and feel the warmth of his personality like it was yesterday. I am grateful to have crossed paths with him and I hope his memory is a blessing to all who had the privilege of knowing him.

#### 136TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF PRINCEVILLE IN NORTH CAROLINA

#### HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 22, 2021*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 136th anniversary of

Princeville, a town in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, that stands strong as the oldest town incorporated by African Americans in the United States of America. Populated primarily by African Americans, the historic town of Princeville holds a legacy of pride and stands as a powerful symbol of African American determination and endurance in the face of adversity.

Originally known as "Freedom Hill," Princeville was established by freed slaves in 1885. As the Civil War came to an end, many former slaves sought a new frontier of protection and freedom and left the plantations for Union troop encampments. Once the Union soldiers departed the encampments, many former slaves stayed behind and settled in an area named Freedom Hill, incorporated in 1885 in Edgecombe County. The name Freedom Hill was later changed to Princeville in honor of a well-known community member by the name of Turner Prince. A former slave and local carpenter, Turner Prince lived in Freedom Hill since its founding and was heavily involved in building many community homes for families in Freedom Hill.

While Princeville faced many challenges throughout its existence, the residents also benefitted by the strength of their collective community in many ways. Free from their enslavement, many were able to reconnect with family and gain control of their labor and requirement of compensation. Princeville developed into a community with self-employed laborers and artisans. In 1880, the community was also home to eight carpenters, seven blacksmiths, four grocers, three seamstresses and three brick masons. Princeville workers were also able to capitalize on the growth of local area communities and were able to find employment in various sectors such as textile mills and lumber industries. Freedom also brought the hope and power associated with the right to vote and hold political office. In fact, several eastern counties of North Carolina, Black residents were a majority, and in many of these locations, Blacks exercised their political strength by electing Black men to office. Princeville and Edgecombe County voters were able to elect eleven Black men to the state legislature to serve fifteen terms from 1877 to 1890. Indeed, Princeville was an example to the nation of the importance and power of having the unfettered access to make one's voice heard through their vote.

From recovery of the unnatural disaster of slavery and segregation to the devastation of natural disasters of hurricanes and flooding, the people of Princeville's determination and strength have allowed them to endure and overcome many difficulties and challenges. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the people of the First District of North Carolina, I am proud to recognize the 136th anniversary of the historic town of Princeville and am honored to serve as their Representative in Congress.

The Princeville citizens continue to represent the power of community and the importance of freedom to control one's own destiny to create a path forward free from oppression, suppression, and undue barriers. The town of Princeville has, without exception, earned the right to be recognized, honored, and celebrated, and it is my hope that the citizens of Princeville will continue its proud legacy for many years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF JUDGE JAMES KANDREVAS' 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE 28TH DISTRICT COURT

### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge James Kandrevas on the occasion of his retirement after serving 30 years as the 28th District Judge in Southgate, Michigan. His significant contributions to the Southgate community are worthy of commendation.

Judge Kandrevas grew up in River Rouge and as a young man, he worked as a steelworker on Zug Island. This experience encouraged him to pursue a degree from Wayne State University. In 1970, he earned a law degree from the Detroit College of Law. After passing the bar, he was a litigator and served as Southgate's city attorney, eventually serving as Southgate's Municipal Judge from 1973 to 1979. He became Mayor of the City of Southgate in 1983 and remained in that role until 1990. During his time as Mayor, he stabilized city employee pensions, established a center for senior citizens, and expanded recreation programs.

In 1990, Judge Kandrevas was elected Judge of the 28th District Court and has served five consecutive six-year terms. During his tenure on the court, he has made an impact on the lives of many. Judge Kandrevas is known for his administration of special courts for drug abusers and military veterans with emotional and personal problems. He has also directed special operations that include counseling, mentoring, rehabilitation, recovery, and treatment as an alternative to jail sentences. His court has helped many veterans and civilians turn their lives around when they have found themselves in trouble with the law. Although he is retiring, Judge Kandrevas' time in the courtroom is not yet done—he will be allowed to remain on the bench as a visiting judge.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Judge James Kandrevas for his exemplary 30 years of public service. He has effectively served Southgate and the state of Michigan in his role as the 28th District Judge. I join with Judge Kandrevas' family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in retirement.

### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily

Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2021 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 24

Time to be announced

Committee on the Budget

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Neera Tanden, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

S-207

10 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Neera Tanden, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and committee rules of procedure for the 117th Congress.

SD-342

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of William Joseph Burns, of Maryland, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing in SVC-217.

SR-301

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine investing in transportation while addressing climate change, improving equity, and fostering economic growth and innovation.

SD-G50

2 p.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Xavier Becerra, of California, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

SD-106

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine native communities' priorities in focus for the 117th Congress.

SD-628

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Isabella Casillas Guzman, of California, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

SD-215

4 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine vaccines for vets, focusing on ending the COVID-19 pandemic.

SD-G50

FEBRUARY 25

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense support to the COVID-19 response.

SD-G50

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the coronavirus crisis, focusing on next steps for rebuilding Main Street.

WEBEX

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments.

SD-106

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Katherine C. Tai, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

SD-215

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Florida, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health

Service, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, and Rachel Leland Levine, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

SH-216

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine poverty wages at large profitable corporations.

SD-608

MARCH 2

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to

be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Rohit Chopra, of the District of Columbia, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

WEBEX

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office's 2021 High Risk List, focusing on addressing waste, fraud, and abuse.

SD-342